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**From:** Cheatham, Reggie  
**Sent:** Tue 9/15/2015 8:32:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: RE: Follow-up Items from today's briefing

Thanks Dave

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**From:** Ostrander, David  
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**To:** Cheatham, Reggie; Card, Joan; Hestmark, Martin; Lee, Eugene  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: RE: Follow-up Items from today's briefing

9. Confirm the location of the Silverton drinking water intake

See attached figure

10. Confirm pre and post plume testing in Silverton

Pre-incident plume testing in Silverton was conducted as part of "other" sampling plans prior to the 8/5/15 incident (not on 8/5). This includes surface water sampling conducted from 2009 through spring of 2015 and 4 sediment samples collected between 2012 and 2015. Post-plume monitoring was conducted on 8/5/15 at 1600, 1915, and 2330 and 8/6/15 at 0615 and 1345 (captured peak of pulse shown on trend graphs) and continued daily from 8/8/15.

11. Confirm if pre-incident was sediment and water or just water.

Pre-incident data includes sediment as well as water.

**From:** Cheatham, Reggie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 2:28 PM  
**To:** Ostrander, David; Card, Joan; Hestmark, Martin; Lee, Eugene  
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Can anyone weigh in on this?

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**Cc:** Breen, Barry  
**Subject:** URGENT: RE: Follow-up Items from today's briefing

Just came out of the briefing with the Administrator. She needs answers to just the following immediately. Please forward ASAP.

Thanks.

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9. Confirm the location of the Silverton drinking water intake

10. Confirm pre and post plume testing in Silverton

11. Confirm if pre-incident was sediment and water or just water (in the Animus River)

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**From:** Natarajan, Nitin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 2:02 PM  
**To:** Cheatham, Reggie; Woolford, James  
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**Subject:** RE: Follow-up Items from today's briefing

All,

This is what I still have pending. We are meeting with the Administrator at 3 and need responses before that.

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4. Breakdown of the \$1.1mil paid to ER through 5 September
5. What's the total cost breakdown NN as opposed to the rest of the response?
6. Are transfers similar to the Sunnyside to GKM transfer common with mines throughout the nation?
7. Quick paragraph on the National Mining Team
9. Confirm the location of the Silverton drinking water intake
10. Confirm pre and post plume testing in Silverton
11. Confirm if pre-incident was sediment and water or just water.

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**From:** Natarajan, Nitin  
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**To:** Cheatham, Reggie; Woolford, James  
**Subject:** Fwd: Follow-up Items from today's briefing

Here's the questions from today's hearing prep. We have another one scheduled for tomorrow so if we could try to collect responses by noon it would be appreciated. The Administrator is also going to do the House Oversight hearing on Thursday so there may be some questions coming out of Wednesday's hearings that we'll need to turn around on Wednesday evening in prep for Thursday's hearing.

Thanks in advance and I'm sure at least one or two aren't going to make sense to you so we can chat about them first thing in the AM. Most are just confirming facts as we know them.

Thanks again all.

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**Subject: Follow-up Items from today's briefing**

This is what I captured from today's hearing briefing. I know there's one or two items related to the claims process that I didn't capture.

I'll work the responses with our Superfund and OEM folks and send out responses tomorrow morning. If there's something I missed, please let me know.

Thanks again all.

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1. What do we do about all of the mines? How do we frame our efforts since 2005 related to GKM and what is our message about the broader legacy mining issues.
2. Send copy of final RFP and highlight key section.
3. Send drinking water paragraph from the draft sampling plan
4. Breakdown of the \$1.1mil paid to ER through 5 September
5. What's the total cost breakdown NN as opposed to the rest of the response?
6. Are transfers similar to the Sunnyside to GKM transfer common with mines throughout the nation?

7. Quick paragraph on the National Mining Team
8. Confirm the location of the NN drinking intakes
9. Confirm the location of the Silverton drinking water intake
10. Confirm pre and post plume testing in Silverton
11. Confirm if pre-incident was sediment and water or just water.
12. Need to clarify statements on irrigation vs livestock and BIA vs EPA role
13. Can EPA request listing without a state/local request?
14. Can NN request a listing in another state?

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